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## Mizzou misery

Knights shock No. 5 Missouri with five runs in final inning — SEE SPORTS, A9



## Art in action

UCF grads fulfill their dream of running an art museum — SEE NEWS, A2



### ANIMALS

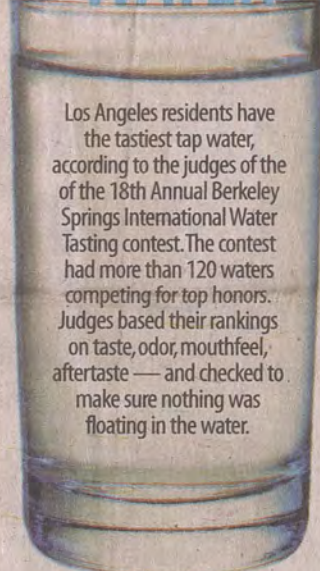
## POLICE DOGS GET FANCY FOOTWEAR

Police dogs in the western German city of Dusseldorf will no longer get their feet dirty when on patrol: The entire dog unit will soon be equipped with blue plastic fiber shoes. The unusual footwear isn't a fashion statement, but rather a necessity due to the high rate of paw injuries on duty, Andre Hartwich said.



### WATER

## CITY OF ANGELS HAS HEAVENLY WATER



Los Angeles residents have the tastiest tap water, according to the judges of the 18th Annual Berkeley Springs International Water Tasting contest. The contest had more than 120 waters competing for top honors. Judges based their rankings on taste, odor, mouthfeel, aftertaste — and checked to make sure nothing was floating in the water.

### AROUND CAMPUS, A2

## UCF LIBRARY HOLDS BOOK SALE IN FRONT OF STUDENT UNION

The UCF Library will be holding a spring book sale today and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room 142 of the Library. There will be a wide variety of materials available including fiction, textbooks and children's books.

### LOCAL & STATE, A2

## LIVE LOBSTERS, OTHER SEAFOOD STOLEN FROM ORLANDO RESTAURANT

Orlando police are investigating a fishy robbery with a pinch. About 70 live lobsters and other seafood are missing from a local seafood restaurant. A police report says the suspect used a crowbar to pry open the back door of the business.

### NATION & WORLD, A4

## BOSNIAN SERB PROTESTERS ANGRY OVER KOSOVO CLASH

Police fired tear gas at Bosnian Serb rioters Tuesday to prevent them from storming the building of the U.S. consulate after protests against Kosovo's independence. A rain of stones poured down on police.

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### TODAY'S WEATHER



# Gunshot at Knight Library a CLOSE CALL



Early Monday morning, a bullet was fired through the window at Knight Library by an unknown person. A cashier was hurt by broken glass; the bullet only damaged a cash register.

## One person injured by broken glass; no one harmed by bullet

KARI WILBERG  
Staff Writer

A gunshot at the Knight Library early Monday morning left one woman injured.

At 12:54 a.m. the Orange County Sheriff's Department responded to the shot. A bullet fired by an unknown person passed through the window, hit a cash register and fell

to the ground, said Dell Lovejoy, Knight Library general manager and a UCF alumnus who was present at the time of the shooting. A knowledgeable source from the police department could not be reached at the time of publication.

A cashier, who wished to remain anonymous, suffered a slight injury to her right shoulder blade from broken glass that flew from the small bullet hole in the window. According to a report filed by the Orange County Sheriff's Department, the cashier refused medical treatment on scene.

No one else was injured. Five minutes prior to the shooting, Lovejoy said two men had been asked to leave due to rude and obnoxious behavior toward women. When the two became physical with security, they were ejected, Lovejoy said.

"We are very happy and thankful no one got hurt as the safety of our patrons is of the utmost importance to us," Lovejoy said. Lovejoy said he is working to transfer the video from the surveillance cameras to CDs and plans on providing the video to the Sheriff's Department.

Lovejoy also said that because of the incident he called an emergency meeting to discuss possible policy changes concerning security. Lovejoy said that Knight Library has surveillance

PLEASE SEE **LIBRARY** ON A6

### UCF SAFETY TIPS - AWAY FROM HOME:

Walk or jog with a friend. Avoid jogging after dark. If you must, stay in well-lit areas, walk midpoint between curbs and buildings and away from alleys and bushes.

Tell someone where you are going and when you will return.

Don't fight back if your purse or wallet is snatched. Turn it over to the thief rather than risk personal injury, and call the police immediately.

Be careful about when and where you patronize Automatic Teller Machines (ATM).

Accessing ATM cash in remote locations, particularly after nightfall, could expose you to risk of robbery and personal injury.

Avoid working or studying alone in a public-access building at night.

— POLICE.UCF.EDU

## Religious housing upsets some students

KARI WILBERG  
Staff Writer

Some UCF students are unhappy about plans to build a religious community north of campus.

The community in question is a project of the Central Florida Hillel Foundation and is planned for construction on Lockwood Boulevard and McCulloch Road, the site of a former Winn-Dixie.

The 45,000-square-foot facility will be funded by the Foundation and private donors and will include offices, a kosher kitchen and two student centers. Additional space is planned for student housing, and the Foundation wants to involve other religious groups, as well.

Rabbi Jonathan Siger, executive director for the Central Florida Hillel Foundation, said that the facility will be more



Rabbi Jonathan Siger, executive director of the Central Florida Hillel Foundation, shows conceptual art of the new housing project for religious students. Project plans include space for offices, a kosher meal facility, two student centers and student housing.

than just dormitories.

"Many students who want to come here can't because they don't want to give up their cul-

ture or their deeply religious beliefs," Siger said.

However, some students are upset about the project, and

have formed a Facebook group to protest the dorms.

PLEASE SEE **PROJECT** ON A7

## Newly elected to stay in office

Berkowitz, Delanois' violations dismissed

ROBYN SIDERSKY  
Staff Writer

Logan Berkowitz and Brandon Delanois will remain student body president and vice president elects despite having five violations filed against them.

Richard Skandera, a former SGA senator, filed the violations on Friday just minutes before 5 p.m., the deadline for filing violations against any ticket. Four of the violations concerned the same e-mail charges brought against Berkowitz on Feb. 7.

"It was completely redundant, nitpicking at each portion of the e-mail," said Election Commissioner Sloane Rosenberg. "It was very repetitive. We were voting on the same issue."

The commission met Tuesday and decided to allow Berkowitz and Delanois to remain in office, in part because the violations were similar to previous accusations. No more violations can be filed.

The commission would not hear the first violation because it was identical to one already filed.

The second violation was against Delanois for an e-mail he sent to several students from a personal account. The violation questioned how Delanois got the students' e-

PLEASE SEE **VIOLATIONS** ON A8

## Shuttle tracking means less wait

KELSEY HINTON  
Contributing Writer

Hate missing the shuttle? A new system called TransLoc is working to fix that.

Using global positioning devices that track the real-time location of vehicles, riders can view the exact location of their bus on the TransLoc Web site.

Wait-weary students are already enjoying the system at Auburn University, Emory University, Harvard University, North Carolina State University, University of Alabama and Yale University.

The University of Maryland is also in the process of rigging their fleet of shuttles, and the University of Florida is scheduled to be up and running by April. However, the arrival of TransLoc on the UCF campus may be hampered by cost.

Josh Cohen, a business

PLEASE SEE **COST** ON A6



## AROUND CAMPUS

News and notices for the UCF community

### UCF Library holds book sale

The UCF Library will be holding a spring book sale today and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room 142 of the Library.

There will be a wide variety of materials available including fiction, textbooks and children's book. Paperbacks will be 50 cents each and hard backs will be \$1 each. DVDs, CDs and tapes will be \$1 each. For more information, contact library gifts@mail.ucf.edu.

### CAB presents Lego Knight

Campus Activities Board will be holding the second-annual Lego Knight tonight from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Room 316CD of the Student Union.

Students will get the chance to play with hundreds of Legos and submit their creations to be judged. Winners will receive a prize. For more information, contact cabevent@mail.ucf.edu.

### VUCF puts on Green Ribbon Day

Volunteer UCF will be holding Green Ribbon Day today from 10 a.m. to noon on the patio outside the Student Union. Volunteers must meet outside of the Union at 9:50 a.m. For more information, contact vucf\_getcarded@mail.ucf.edu.

## LOCAL & STATE

Keep local with headlines you may have missed

### Live lobsters, other seafood stolen from Orlando restaurant

ORLANDO — Police are investigating a fishy robbery with a pinch.

About 70 live lobsters and other seafood are missing from a local seafood restaurant.

A police report says the suspect used a crowbar to pry open the back door of the business. The robber then took the live lobsters from several crates and broke into an ice cooler with other seafood. That's about \$2,000 worth of fresh seafood, including the 200 pounds of lobster.

The robbery happened early Saturday morning at Real Fish and Lobster. The general manager of the store told police the alarm system and security cameras were not working at the time of the robbery.

### Brevard voters to choose Allen's replacement after conviction

MELBOURNE — Voters in former state representative Bob Allen's district are going

PLEASE SEE LOCAL ON A4

# ART IN ACTION

## UCF grads run local art museum

KIMBERLY HERNDON  
Contributing Writer

Not all college graduates are lucky enough to have their dream jobs soon after graduation. But for two UCF graduates running an art museum, it isn't only a dream; it's a reality.

Jackie Houck and Vanessa Soler, who both graduated with degrees from UCF in 2006, recently took positions at the Lake Eustis Museum of Art. Houck stepped into the role of executive director for the museum in January, and Soler took over Houck's former position as director of education and events.

"It's absolutely thrilling," said Houck, 29, about her job as executive director. "This has been my career goal, and I'm thrilled to achieve it at such a young age."

Houck and Soler make up the museum's entire staff. Their cheerful personalities, compatibility and attention to detail make them a well-oiled machine, Houck said. The two previously worked together at Jamali Fine Art in Winter Park. Houck said she instantly thought of Soler for director of education and events.

"It's great," said Soler, 24, about working with Houck. "I can't say enough of how happy I am. Not only is this my dream job, but I work with someone I've worked with before. [It's] made this transition even smoother."

The museum, located on East Orange Avenue in Eustis, collects and represents contemporary art from the southeastern U.S. The museum celebrates living artists who are local to the region, Houck said. An upcoming exhibit, featuring work from the museum's permanent collection, is art created by Eustis-based artists.

Houck said she chooses artwork that is engaging and challenging. She said the museum isn't there just to please the public, but also to push artistic thought boundaries.

"We want to open minds to new art and new experiences," Houck said.

Houck explained that museums are traditionally cold, unfriendly environments that are very elitist in nature. She said a lot of people think if they don't understand art then it isn't for them. That's not the case at the Lake Eustis Museum of Art.

"Our goal is to be as warm and inviting as possible," Houck said. "We want to engage viewers and have them ask ques-



Jackie Houck, left, and Vanessa Soler discuss possibilities of the art classes they hold once a week in the museum.

tions. We want this to be a welcoming environment where people learn something and have fun."

Opening minds to new experiences involves making people in Lake County more aware of the arts, which is a major goal for both women.

"We are the only art museum in Lake County, and I'm just really excited to bring the arts to Central Florida," Houck said. "We're doing everything we can to promote culture to this region."

The museum offers several art programs for children and adults, some free of charge. The art programs for children are important because students in Lake County aren't really exposed to art until high school, Houck said.

One of the programs, titled "TARGET ART" after the program's sponsor, Target, is geared toward children and families. Soler said that mothers mention the lack of art in schools in Lake County. One mother said that a child was yelled at for coloring outside the lines.

"Parents and kids are so excited to have this," Soler said. "They are so grateful. Moms couldn't stop thanking us for having this opportunity for them."

Houck said that an average of 15 to 25 people attend the art programs, which creates a wonderful energy inside the museum.

"There's so much excitement, so much curiosity," Houck said. "To see that spark is very thrilling."

Houck and Soler encourage people, especially children, to be imaginative and to use bold, unconventional colors. They want them to color outside the lines.

As UCF graduates, the prominent positions they hold in the community reflect

back to the education they received at UCF.

Houck graduated with her master's in nonprofit management in December 2006. She said that her degree program gave her an advantage over other job candidates.

"It was very convenient with it being online," Houck said of the program. "I was able to still work and gain real-world experience while pursuing my studies."

She credits the program with teaching her the necessary tools to carry out her current job. She said she's written two successful grants thanks to a course she took in grant writing. The course was important because funding for nonprofit projects is secured through grants.

Mary Feldheim, department chair of public administration for the College of Health and Public Affairs, said the nonprofit management program uses the concept of service learning. The program encourages students to take the theory they learn in class and apply it in a real-world setting. Houck did that by working while finishing her master's degree.

"In addition to her education, she also had extensive experience," Feldheim said. "She had been working in the field and at other museums. She has extensive on-the-job training."

Soler graduated in December 2006 with an art history degree. She credits UCF and her art history professors for providing her with discipline and the art education she can now share with the city of Eustis.

"We both went to UCF, and now we have these great jobs in Central Florida," Soler said.

To find out more about the museum, visit its Web site at [www.lakeeustismuseumofart.org](http://www.lakeeustismuseumofart.org).

## LOCAL WEATHER



**Today**  
PARTLY  
SUNNY  
High: 56°  
Low: 39°

### TODAY IN DETAIL

Today: Partly sunny. Northwest wind around 15 mph with gusts as high as 25 mph.  
Tonight: Mostly clear with a low around 39. Northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.



**Thursday**  
SUNNY

High: 64°  
Low: 42°



**Friday**  
MOSTLY SUNNY

High: 74°  
Low: 55°

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# Iraq tells Turkey to get out

KIM GAMEL  
Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The Iraqi government demanded for the first time that Turkey immediately withdraw from northern Iraq, warning Tuesday it feared an ongoing incursion could lead to clashes with the official forces of the semiautonomous Kurdish region.

Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said the operation would end only "once its goal has been reached."

Turkish troops have seized seven rebel camps and have pushed more than 12 miles into Iraq, a Turkish government official and military official who are familiar with the incursion plans told The Associated Press. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

Earlier, Turkish media reports had put Turkish troops nine miles inside northern Iraq.

Turkish media reports have said that thousands of troops are inside Iraq.

Iraqi government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said the first confirmed Turkish military ground operation in Iraq in about a decade was a violation of Iraqi sovereignty.

Al-Dabbagh warned that tensions could escalate if the Kurdish military forces known as "peshmerga" were drawn into the fight.

Turkey has assured the Iraqi government and the U.S. military that the operation would be limited to attacks on rebels. But the Kurds have expressed concern that civilians could be caught in the crossfire.

The Kurdish parliament met Tuesday in a special session and unanimously approved a measure authorizing the peshmerga to defend themselves and the Kurdish region if they were attacked by Turkish troops.

It also called on the Turkish government for compensation for material losses sustained as a result of the incursion, according to Kurdish lawmaker Sardar



Turkish army commandos are seen seated on the back of a vehicle that drives them toward the border in Cukurca in Hakkari province at the Turkey-Iraq border Tuesday.

Harki.

Erdogan said the Turkish military was "destroying all terrorist elements on its path of advance," but that "civilian infrastructure is not being damaged."

A Turkish delegation will visit Baghdad on Wednesday to meet with Iraqi President Jalal Talabani and Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari, both Kurds, as well as other top Iraqi officials, al-Dabbagh said. Turkish officials confirmed that they were sending a diplomatic delegation to Iraq.

The Turkish military said warplanes and artillery had hit targets in Iraq but that snow on Tuesday had hampered combat operations of some units, which instead engaged in patrols and supply runs. Some units were replaced with fresh troops in some "critical locations," the military said.

It said one unit was attacked with long-range guns at night, resulting in the deaths of two soldiers. Troops responded with medium and heavy weaponry.

Turkey launched the incursion into northern Iraq on

Thursday against separatist rebels from the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK. The PKK wants autonomy for the predominantly Kurdish south-eastern Turkey, and rebels have carried out attacks in Turkey from bases in Kurdish Iraq. The conflict started in 1984 and has killed up to 40,000 people.

Qandil is a prime target for the Turkish military, which has already launched air strikes there. The PKK's senior leadership is believed to be based there although, some reports indicate that many guerrillas may have fled the area in anticipation of an attack.

Confirmation of Turkish maneuvers in Iraq is difficult because the combat zone is a remote, mountainous area, much of which is still covered in thick snow.

The U.S. and European Union consider the PKK a terrorist group, and Turkey informed Washington of its ground incursion before it started. U.S. State Department spokesman Tom Casey told reporters that all sides recognize that the PKK represents a threat.



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## LOCAL & STATE

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to the polls to elect his replacement.

Three men are on the ballot Tuesday — Democratic Cocoa Beach commissioner Tony Sasso, Republican Merritt Island businessman Sean Campbell and Jerry Maynard, a Titusville independent.

Allen resigned in November after his conviction on the misdemeanor charge of soliciting a prostitute. The former Republican lawmaker allegedly agreed to pay \$20 to perform oral sex on an undercover police officer in a men's restroom at a public park in July.

Allen maintains his innocence.

His former district covers Brevard County on the Atlantic Coast, plus a small part of Orange County.

### White powder found in jail mail deemed not hazardous

**PORT CHARLOTTE** — Officials say a white powder that caused a Charlotte County jail employee to become ill and the lockdown of the jail she was working at is not hazardous.

Charlotte County Sheriff's spokesman Bob Carpenter says officials determined the powder is not anthrax but are continuing to test the substance. Carpenter says the substance could be cocaine, methamphetamine, bleach or some other substance.

The jail employee broke out in hives and had difficulty breathing Monday after coming in contact with the powder, which was found in a letter to an inmate. She was taken to a hospital but later released.

The jail resumed normal operations early Tuesday.

No other injuries were reported.

— ASSOCIATED PRESS

## HIGHER EDUCATION

*What's in the news at colleges around the country*

### Colleges have better-prepared police and less crime than before

Not only are college campuses safer than they used to be but they also have less crime than the country at large does, according to a report released last week by the U.S. Department of Justice.

The report, "Campus Law Enforcement 2004-2005," updates one that the department's Bureau of Justice Statistics published more than a decade ago, using data from the 1994-1995 academic year.

Over the 10-year span, the new report says, violent crimes on college campuses decreased by 9 percent, to 62 per 100,000 students in 2004. Private campuses reported twice as many violent crimes per student as public institutions did. But nationally, the rate was far higher: 466 violent crimes per 100,000 residents.

Property crimes on college campuses also declined — by 30 percent, to 1,625 per 100,000 students in 2004 — according to the report. Private colleges also reported a higher rate of property crimes than their public counterparts did, but the levels at both fell short of the national rate, 3,517 per 100,000 residents, the report says.

Its campus crime statistics come from the Education Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as well as the Justice Department's own survey data. That department polled 750 four-year institutions with enrollments of at least 2,500 students and 163 two-year institutions with enrollments of more than 10,000, yielding data from more than 80 percent of each group.

Campus law-enforcement agencies are better prepared and equipped now than they were a decade ago, according to the report, which focuses more on those agencies than it does on crime data. Its findings reflect a continuing trend toward the professionalization of campus officers.

— CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

## NATION & WORLD

*Keep current with headlines from around the globe*



RADIOVOJE PAVICIC / ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Bosnian Serb police officers take shelter during a protest by Bosnian Serb youths against Kosovo's declaration of independence, in the Bosnian town of Banja Luka, Tuesday.

### Bosnian Serb protesters angry over Kosovo dash

**BANJA LUKA, Bosnia-Herzegovina** — Police fired tear gas at Bosnian Serb rioters Tuesday to prevent them from storming the building of the U.S. consulate after protests against Kosovo's independence.

A group split away from the almost 10,000 peaceful protesters in Banja Luka and headed toward the consulate, breaking shop windows and throwing stones at police who blocked the streets leading to the building with armored vehicles.

A rain of stones poured down on police before officers fired tear gas to disperse the crowd. Several officers were seen limping. Police were also seen detaining several demonstrators as they withdrew to a nearby park.

Hundreds of hooligans attacked the U.S. embassy in downtown Belgrade Thursday, setting part of it on fire and smashing windows. One person died and hundreds were injured and arrested.

Some bystanders returning from the peaceful part of Tuesday's protest yelled "shame on you!" at the rioters and one man, apparently a former Bosnian Serb soldier, shouted, "This is not what I fought for!"

The incident occurred despite repeated calls by organizers to hold a peaceful protest against Kosovo's independence. Police secured diplomatic missions in the city and warned it would use all legal means to prevent violence.

Tuesday's protest began with participants gathering peacefully at the main square in downtown Banja Luka, carrying Serbian flags, pictures of Russian President Vladimir Putin and banners reading "No America." At least one U.S. flag had a swastika scribbled on it.

Bosnia consists of two mini-states, one run by Bosnian Serbs, the other by Bosnians and Croats. The Bosnian Serb parliament has condemned Kosovo's declaration of independence and said it will consider a referendum to secede from Bosnia if more countries recognize an independent Kosovo.

### 5 police, 1 child killed in roadside bombing in eastern Afghanistan

**KABUL, Afghanistan** — A roadside bomb hit a vehicle carrying five policemen and a child in eastern Afghanistan on Tuesday, killing all six, officials said.

Taliban militants have increasingly aimed their attacks at police, killing more than 925 officers in 2007 alone. Afghan police often work in small groups in remote and dangerous territory, where they are outnumbered and outgunned by insurgents.

The blast happened in the eastern Khost province close to the border with Pakistan, said police chief Gen. Mohammad Ayub. He blamed the attack on Taliban militants.

The victims included five policemen and a 3-year old child, said Lutfullah Babakarheil, a local government official. They were traveling in a private vehicle, he said.

The lack of an effective training program for the police is often cited as one of the West's biggest failings in Afghanistan since the 2001 U.S.-led invasion that ousted the Taliban regime for harboring Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida bases.

### Violent thunderstorms hit Southeast; snow hits great lakes

**BIRMINGHAM, Ala.** — A broad storm system spread heavy snow across the Great Lakes region Tuesday and fired up violent thunderstorms that knocked out power to thousands of homes and businesses in the Southeast.

At least one death was blamed on the stormy weather. Fallen trees and other debris on roads slowed travel and several traffic accidents brought morning rush hour traffic to a standstill in Birmingham, authorities said.

A falling tree struck a mobile home and killed one person in Leeds, police reported in the town outside Birmingham.

Utilities said about 42,000 homes and businesses lost electrical service across central Alabama early Tuesday. About 93,000 more were blacked out in northern Georgia, mostly in the Atlanta metropolitan area, said Georgia Power spokeswoman Carol Boatright.

Snow fell from Illinois to New England, with more than 6 inches on the ground by late morning in northern Indiana and Ohio. Up to a foot of snow was possible in parts of Ohio, the National Weather Service said.

Schools were closed in parts of southern Michigan and northern areas of Indiana and Ohio, where the University of Toledo also closed for the morning. Some local government buildings closed in Ohio.

Several accidents shut down a stretch of slippery Interstate 75 in northern Ohio, police reported.

### Obama's foreign affairs work focused on human rights

**WASHINGTON** — Based on his Senate history, Barack Obama as president would likely push to expand human rights and reduce poverty abroad using cooperation rather than confrontation. If foreign events permit.

Aside from his vigorous opposition to the Iraq war, Obama spent more of his time on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on speeches and inspirational trips than on investigations and aggressive oversight. He was a junior senator with an agreeable manner who was just beginning to cut his teeth on foreign policy issues when he decided to run for president.

Since he took office in 2005, much of Obama's work attracted little, if any, attention because of the nation's focus on the Iraq war. Obama pushed through legislation that condemned violence by the Zimbabwe government, for example. He helped raise awareness about Darfur and called on the administration to do more to reduce global poverty.

In 2005, he traveled with Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., to Russian nuclear sites. In 2006, he visited the Middle East and Africa, where he and his wife publicly took HIV tests in Kenya to encourage citizens there to do the same.

The young senator's approach to issues attracted the attention of Lugar, the committee's senior Republican. After their visit to former Soviet states, the two co-sponsored legislation aimed at making it easier to detect and destroy weapons stockpiles. More recently, Lugar signed on as co-sponsor of Obama's anti-poverty proposal.

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# Web site tutors students 24/7

KIMMY BARKER  
Contributing Writer

It's the night before the algebra exam and half of the study guide is still confusing. The choice comes down to a good night's sleep or a good grade on the next day's test. At this point, it's one or the other.

Almost every student experiences a moment of panic like this during the college experience. Now, students have a source to turn to for help during these desperate times.

For the first time, students have a tutoring service that's available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It's called uProdigy, and it's an online service that connects students with English-speaking tutors in South Asia. All of the tutors have Ph.D's or master's degrees, and some are professors.

The site launched after a Harvard graduate student proposed an executive summary plan for uProdigy at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's \$100K Entrepreneurship Competition. From more than 100 entries, uProdigy was one of eight student-managed companies chosen as winners on Feb. 11.

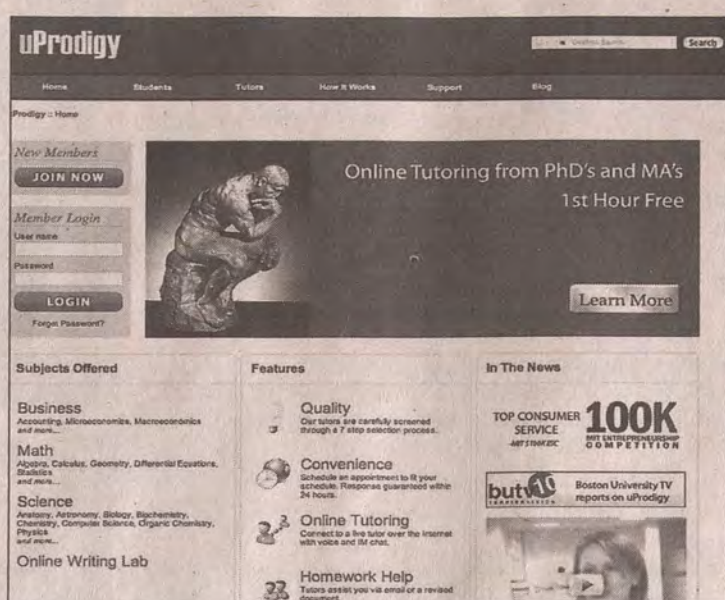
Syed Adil Hussain, CEO of uProdigy, was inspired to create the company based on his experiences as a student. During his senior year at the University of Michigan, Hussain said it was too difficult and expensive to get help from qualified tutors for his advanced math courses. He said tutors with Ph.D's charged \$60 to \$70 an hour, a rate that definitely didn't fit into a college student's budget.

Hussain said he knew that there were tons of people with Ph.D's around the world and that people from anywhere could connect immediately through the Internet. He said he realized there was no reason why a student at the University of Michigan couldn't connect with someone in a different country and get significantly cheaper tutoring.

Hussain said about 25 percent of the site's customers need help in math, 20 percent need help in science and most others need help with essays and additional subjects.

The uProdigy site charges \$15 an hour for live online tutoring sessions from a staff of more than 100 tutors. To attract new users, the company is offering the first hour of tutoring for free.

Students can communicate with their tutors through instant message, voice or even video chat sessions. If a student has a specific math



A screenshot from uProdigy.com shows some of the features of the Web site. Students can get tutoring help through the Web site 24 hours a day, including live video chats.

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— RJ CABRERA  
UCF BIOLOGY MAJOR

problem that needs step-by-step explanation, or if an essay needs revision, he can send it in and receive feedback within the time frame he requests.

"We can help them in terms of the grammar, make comments, etc.," Hussain said about the process for essays. "We're definitely not a service that helps students cheat."

The \$100K Entrepreneurship Competition has been held every year since 1990, and it is run by students for students. The goal of the event is to motivate students to take their talents and ideas and put them into action.

Winning the competition was an accomplishment that didn't come easily to Hussain or his teammates. The executive summary of uProdigy went through multiple rounds of judging on topics such as high growth potential, defensibility from competitors, up-front capital investment, short time-to-market, market leadership potential, stage of idea development, and quality and breadth of the team.

Finalists had to make a 15-minute presentation and demonstration of their plan. After speaking, they went through 10 minutes of answering questions from

the judging panel. After all of the judges understood each plan, they deliberated and selected the winners.

Hershey Oge, a legal studies major, said if she needed help she would first contact the free tutoring services that UCF offers, such as the University Writing Center and the Math Lab. She said that if she couldn't find help there, or if she found herself in need of tutoring during non-business hours, she might consider using uProdigy.

"I personally wouldn't be interested in it because I don't get far behind in things," said UCF biology major RJ Cabrera. "But I could see someone who takes really advanced courses how they would want to use it."

Hussain said he is hopeful that once the word about his new business spreads, his tutoring service will become a popular choice among university students across the nation. To help spread the word, he is seeking to recruit one student from each major university throughout the country to market uProdigy to their fellow students.

"It would be a really exciting opportunity for an undergrad, especially someone who has an interest in marketing because they would

get to sort of come up with their own marketing plan, strategize, and then execute their marketing plan," Hussain said.

The student chosen for this position would make a fraction of all profits uProdigy obtained from that student's university.

For more information about this marketing opportunity, contact Hussain at [adil@uProdigy.com](mailto:adil@uProdigy.com).

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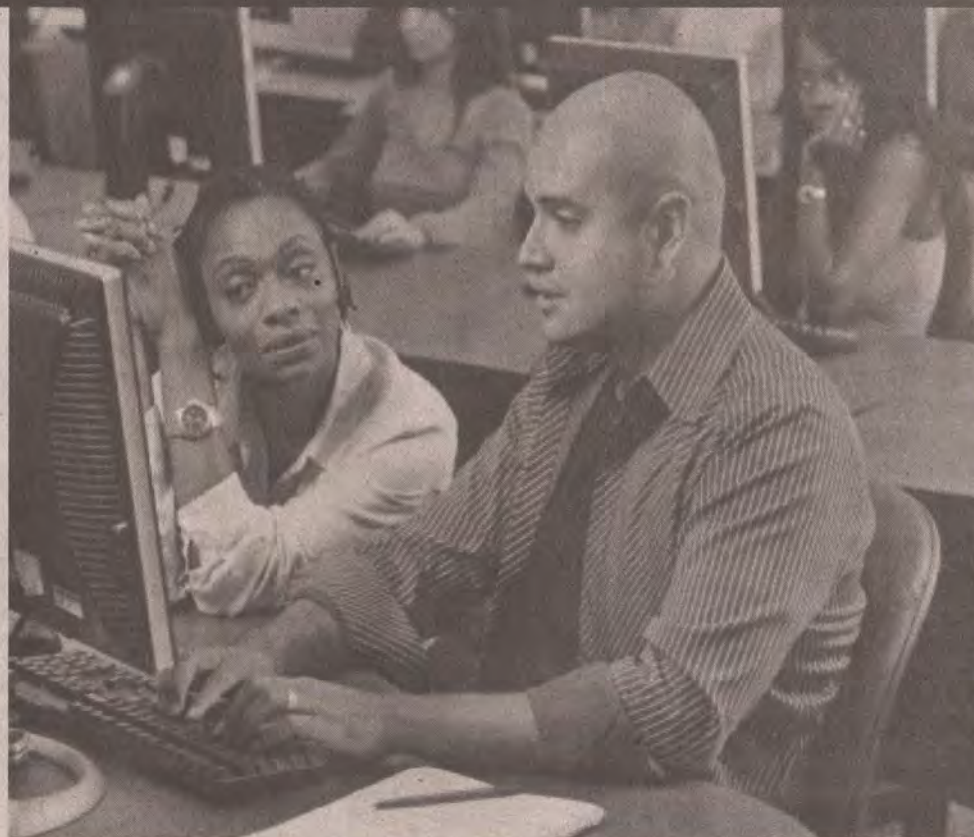
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**BESSIE COLEMAN**  
She was born on January 26, 1892 in Atlanta, Texas to sharecrop parents. Due to the rigorousness of life in Texas, Bessie was able to relocate to Chicago, where she lived with two of her old brothers. While in Chicago, she became fascinated with flying and aircrafts. She tried to enroll in American flight schools but due to racism and sexism she was refused admission. She did not allow the immoral practices of American society to hold her back from achieving her dreams. She learned French and was able to enroll in to a French flight school. On June 15, 1921, Bessie Coleman became the first African-American woman to earn an aviation pilot's license in the world, the first woman to earn an International Aviation License and the world's first licensed black aviator.

**DR. CARTER GODWIN WOODSON**  
He's best known as the founder of Black History Month. In 1926, he began promoting Negro History Week during the second week of February to celebrate the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The sole purpose of this week was to showcase to the world that people of African descent has contributed significantly to the advancement of human civilization. In the 1960s it became Black History Month.

**WALTER SAMMONS**  
On December 21, 1920, Walter Sammons of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania received U.S. patent #1,362,823 for an improved heated comb that straightened hair.

**JACK JOHNSON**  
He was born on March 31, 1878 in Galveston, Texas to former enslaved parents. Jack rose to fame by becoming the first black person to win the World Heavyweight title on December 26, 1908. He defeated Canadian boxer Tommy Burns in Sydney, Australia. Besides his in the ring accomplishment, he was also well known for challenging the social norms placed on people of color in America. Also he received U.S. patent 1, 413,121 on April 18, 1922 for his modification to the wrench tool.

**ALEXANDER MILES**  
On October 11, 1887 Alexander Miles received patent 371,207 for his elevator design. His design was a major improvement to the method of opening and closing the elevator doors. Prior to his invention, a passenger on an elevator would have to manually close the door to block access to the elevator shaft before moving up or down.

**DR. JESSE ERNEST WILKINS JR**  
Jesse Wilkins Jr. was born on November 27, 1923. By the age of thirteen in 1936, he was able to enroll into the University of Chicago. At age seventeen he received his Bachelors of Science in Mathematics and was ranked in the top 10 in Mathematics' famous undergraduate Putnam Competition. At the age of nineteen, he became the seventh African American to obtain a doctoral in Mathematics from the University of Chicago. Dr. Wilkins was the second African American to be named to the National Academy of Engineering.

**JOHN LOVE**  
He received U.S. Patent # 594,114 on November 23, 1897 for his invention of the pencil sharpener. His pencil sharpener design is very similar to the modern handheld pencil sharpener. The pencil is put into the opening of the sharpener and rotated by hand. It was designed so that the shavings would stay inside the sharpener.

Written by Rupert Neish II African American Awareness Council Chair

## Library manager said security will increase

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throughout the club.

"One thing I can tell you is that we added police to be here out front six nights a week," Lovejoy said. The only exception is Monday, which Lovejoy said is the club's slowest night.

According to the incident report filed by the Orange County Sheriff's Department, a member of the security staff, Virgel Quintal, provided a description of the two men removed from the club.

"We also gave our security guards heads up to if something breaks out, although we have video cameras, they should use their telephones to record a more up close shot in case something like this ever happens again," Lovejoy said.

According to Lovejoy, no suspects have been arrested. The window was repaired and the club opened for business the next day.

"I feel confident and hopeful that the person who did the shooting will be caught," Lovejoy said.



ANDY JACOBSON / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE  
Library is compiling video from the night of the shot to send to police, specifically of two patrons who were thrown out.

## Cost could bar tracking system at UCF

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developer for TransLoc, said the founders of the company got the idea after their bus failed to arrive one day.

"They left the bus stop, and they found out later there was reduced service that day," Cohen said. "They said, 'There's got to be a better way to do this,' and that's kind of what created this system."

According to the company's Web site, TransLoc helps riders "save time, stay safe

and have more control over their schedules while enabling transit administrators to manage their fleets with unprecedented clarity."

Cohen said the tracker allows students to stay indoors during bad weather and at night when safety is a concern. He also said the highly visited site is a useful communication tool between students and administration during emergencies.

UCF Student Government Association Transportation Coordinator Seth Green has been working with Cohen to determine the possibility of implementing TransLoc at UCF.

"[Students] really are wasting a lot of time waiting for these buses. ... Sometimes you can be waiting up to 30 minutes, depending what time you ride the shuttle," said Green, who said the shuttle system services 15 locations within two miles of campus.

Green said if the shuttle system were more appealing to students, ridership would increase and free up parking

spots on campus, helping alleviate parking problems.

Green said securing the installation of TransLoc is one of two goals he hopes to achieve by the semester's end. He said student body president-elect Logan Berkowitz is supporting his efforts and that he is seeking the support of students and the Senate before making an official proposal.

One major setback could be the cost of the system. Cohen was unable to disclose the cost at other schools but said the benefits far outweigh the costs.

"The finances are the first burden to overcome," said Green, who has been working with Cohen to formulate a price quote.

Cohen said the price depends on a variety of factors, such as the size of the service area and the number of vehicles to be equipped with the positioning devices.

UCF Transportation Director John Clark said installing TransLoc has been discussed but is improbable in the near future.

"We found that it would-

n't really be that appropriate here," he said. "Besides, there's a tremendous cost involved."

Cohen said he has not spoken with UCF officials about a TransLoc system.

The \$20 million in-state budget cuts UCF recently shouldered may explain the hesitation to add costly features.

Clark said five 40-passenger buses were purchased to service the Pegasus Landing community, which allows additional shuttles to service other routes. He also said overcrowding is becoming less of an issue with the use of the Rosen shuttle, which serves as an overflow bus to heavily trafficked routes.

Green agreed that the initial cost may be high but said the funds could be raised elsewhere, possibly from alumni or local businesses.

Green said he wants to have a contract signed with TransLoc by the end of the semester in order to begin construction during the summer, when fewer students will be affected.

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# Project plan not finalized

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J. W. Koebel, a senior psychology major, said that devoting quieter, nicer housing to religious students implies that only religious students desire a quiet lifestyle.

"Why don't we have something like this for students who aren't religious?" Koebel said.

Koebel started a Facebook group in fall 2007 to oppose religious student housing. The group, called "Students Oppose Faith-Based Housing," has 98 members.

"I started [the group] because I thought it would be important to let people know this was happening and maybe get people asking questions," Koebel said.

Koebel said he wants quiet housing, too.

"It isn't supposed to be some type of prison camp," Koebel said, "but somebody else's right to have fun can infringe on my right to study and have a good job in the future."

He said student housing needs more enforcement of the conduct rules outlined in housing contracts. He also said he would like to see more resident assistants.

Koebel said that, even though the religious housing would be open to all students, few non-religious students would want to live there because they would feel out of place.

John Graham, a member of the Facebook group and a computer science sophomore, said that religious housing could even be detrimental to the religious students.

"The way I see it, these kids are secluding themselves to their own ideas, and I always viewed college to be a place where you go and gain new ideas and new experiences with new people," Graham said. "It seems to me that this religious-based housing is going to close people's minds to any other thought processes out there."

Koebel and Graham do not



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A "No Trespassing" sign hangs on the fence outside of the construction site for the new religious housing community. "It has the potential to add a lot to the neighborhood," said Rabbi Jonathan Siger, executive director for the Central Florida Hillel Foundation.

have any plans to formally protest the project, but both said it's a possibility.

Koebel said that, while he does not have time to organize a protest, he plans to at least show up and hold a sign.

Graham said that he wants to speak out about the issue.

"I really want to go and do something about this," Graham said. "Lobby student government or maybe protest."

The housing also faces opposition from residents of the Carillon community who are opposed to the dorms.

Siger said one of the main reasons for the project is the kosher dining facility. Siger said this facility would give students who could not come to UCF the opportunity to attend.

"The Hillel facility would be office space for professionals, classrooms, a library, kosher dining facility and a lot of multi-purpose space," Siger said.

Siger said students who are not religious would be allowed to live in the dormitories as long as they were respectful of the environment. Siger explained that non-religious students must respect other student's decisions to follow dietary laws, observe a Sabbath,

and so forth.

The Central Florida Hillel Foundation is looking for other religious groups to join their project, Siger said. Siger said they have talked to the Catholic Church about joining in their building plans, but no decisions have been made.

Siger said the main Hillel building would be about 20,000 square feet. He said the model for the entire facility, which plans are still being finalized for, is going to be about 45,000 square feet. The model will include two student centers and a shared grand foyer. This 45,000 square feet doesn't include any square footage for housing.

"It's so early, the final architecture and plans aren't known," Siger said.

Siger said no official date to break ground has been decided, but that once plans are finalized, the project will take about 18 months to complete.

Siger also said the Central Florida Hillel Foundation's part of the building process would cost \$5 million. Siger said the Central Florida Hillel Foundation will engage in capital campaign and will be financed by private individuals.

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Logan Berkowitz, left, and Brandon Delanois had additional violations filed against them Friday, but the pair will stay in office.

## Violations not proved

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mail addresses.

"The e-mails were gathered by a few of us in our campaign," Delanois said.

He said the e-mails were compiled through Facebook groups, personal contacts and e-mails offered to the campaign by the organizations that endorsed them.

Delanois apologized if the e-mail was unclear but said he did not exploit his position in the SGA to get student e-mail addresses. Skandera was unable to prove to the commission that Delanois had done anything wrong.

"It just seems very questionable, the methods used to send out e-mails," Skandera said.

The next three violations were against Berkowitz for an e-mail he sent from his SGA account. Berkowitz wasn't at the hearing to defend himself.

One violation was about the portion of the e-mail that asked the organizations to contact the presidential sec-

retary to set up a meeting.

Skandera filed the violation after hearing Berkowitz's testimony at the Senate meeting.

The fourth violation was the one Skandera said he was the most serious about. Skandera said that Berkowitz used his office hours to send the e-mail. The e-mail was sent at 12:28 p.m. One of the documents enclosed with the violations is Berkowitz's schedule for the day he sent the e-mail. There is nothing scheduled for the time the e-mail was sent, but a meeting was scheduled for 12:30 p.m.

"He broke state law on multiple occasions and he needs to be held for his actions," Skandera said.

The fifth violation was for the responses Berkowitz sent to organizations after his initial e-mail. Skandera said that because they were sent without an election commissioner's approval, they were in violation.

In deliberation, the election commissioners said they felt it was unnecessary for

them to approve every message sent back and forth between the candidates and organizations.

"Everyone sends e-mails to meet up," said Election Commissioner Ceasar Delgado. "Every party meets with hundreds of organizations. To monitor this, they better start raising my pay or hire 75 election commissioners."

They said that both tickets probably sent e-mails to set up meetings with organizations without the Election Commission's approval. The period to file violations against the candidates — two days after the election — has expired, and no more violations will be filed.

Skandera has two days to appeal the Election Commission's decisions through the judicial branch of SGA.

"I think we served the students' needs and anyone that had questions and looked at each violation individually and in an unbiased way and discussed each at length," Rosenberg said.

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## Schedule

### WOMEN'S TENNIS SOUTH FLORIDA TODAY

2 P.M. (HOME)  
Riding a two-match winning streak, the Knights come home to face off against the Bulls.



### SOFTBALL MICHIGAN TODAY

6 P.M. (HOME)  
UCF looks for revenge against the Wolverines after they beat the Knights in the final game of the UCF Tournament on Sunday.

### FLORIDA A&M FRIDAY

2 P.M. (AWAY)  
In their first game of the day in the Altamonte Springs Tournament, the Knights will face off against the Lady Rattlers.

### USA OLYMPIC TEAM FRIDAY

7:30 P.M. (AWAY)  
UCF finishes up the day by taking on the USA Olympic Team.



### MEN'S BASKETBALL TULANE TODAY

7 P.M. (HOME)  
The Knights will try to solidify their spot in fourth place in Conference USA when they take on the Green Wave. Tulane has lost five consecutive games.

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL UAB TOMORROW

8 P.M. (AWAY)  
After picking up their ninth win of the year and falling to regular-season champ UTEP over the weekend, the Knights will head to Birmingham, Ala., for its penultimate game.



### BASEBALL CENTRAL MICHIGAN FRIDAY

6:30 P.M. (HOME)  
The Knights return to action after going 4-0 to start the season with the opening of a three-game series against the Chippewas.



The UCF Baseball team begins to swarm outfielder Ryan Richardson at second base after his game-winning double beat No. 5 Missouri 10-9 Monday at Jay Bergman Field. Richardson also had a solo home run in the game.

# Top of the world

## Knights explode for five runs in the seventh — all with no outs — to stun No. 5 Missouri

BRIAN MURPHY  
Staff Writer

The UCF Baseball team's meeting with No. 5 Missouri on Monday was shortened to just seven innings due to the Tigers' flight plans. The plan turned out to be perfect, as it would have been to impossible to top what unfolded in that inning's 42 minutes.

The Tigers scored four runs in the top of the seventh only to watch the Knights counter with five runs and claim one of the program's most improbable and significant wins 10-9.

"This is a ranked team and

to beat them is just sweet," UCF third baseman Chris Duffy said. "This just shows you the type of team we have."

The game started under a premise that is unfamiliar to baseball: a time limit. Missouri's predetermined travel plans meant that no inning could begin after 5:50 p.m. So with the game tied at 5-5 and the clock at 5:18 p.m., the seventh inning began with a distinct ninth-inning feel.

The Tigers' first two batters reached base on infield singles. The Knights brought Carmine Giardina in from the bullpen,

but he walked his first batter, Steve Gray, to load the bases with no one out.

After a strikeout, Giardina walked Ryan Lollis to force home the go-ahead run. Trevor Coleman followed with a two-run single for his first hit of the season. Now trailing by three, the Knights called upon closer Justin Weiss to hold the Tigers.

Weiss did allow one of his two inherited runners to score, but he was able to get UCF's hitters to the plate trailing 9-5.

The Knights faced a daunting task, but all they had to do was look back at what they

### GAME BREAKDOWN

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	FINAL
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accomplished over the past weekend to realize this game wasn't out of reach. The Knights scored 50 runs in their three-game series versus Florida A&M, UCF's most runs in such a series in school history.

So the Knights must have thought to themselves, what's the big deal with four runs?

"We were confident; we were pretty sure we were going to come back and win," outfielder Ryan Richardson said. "No joke."

Two of the biggest reasons for the Knights' explosive offense have been the top two

hitters in their lineup, Josh Siebenaler and Dwayne Bailey. The team's table-setters entered the game with 14 hits in their first 28 at bats, and successfully ignited the Knights in the seventh.

Siebenaler led off with a sharp single to left and then moved to third on a double by Bailey. Tyson Auer followed with a walk that loaded the bases and brought the tying run to the plate.

A buzz around Jay Bergman Field picked up as everyone

PLEASE SEE DUFFY ON A10

## Women's basketball falls to UTEP in home finale

RYAN BASS  
Staff Writer

As much history as the UCF Women's Basketball team has written this season, they couldn't derail No. 19 UTEP from adding to its own record book Sunday.

The Miners, who are ranked in the Top 25 for the first time in school history this season, added another milestone Sunday, when they defeated UCF 89-74 at the New UCF Arena.

UTEP (23-2 overall, 14-0 in C-USA) captured its first Conference USA regular-season championship in the 34-year history of its women's basketball program and its second championship in any sport since its women's volleyball

team brought home the Oil Athletic Conference Championship in 1984.

But neither the ranking nor the record shook the Knights (9-18 overall, 2-12 in C-USA) in the basketball game, especially in the second-half. UCF trailed 56-39 with 16:39 to play, but the Knights used a 17-4 run to pull to within four at 60-56 with 11:21 left to play.

"The run was sparked through defense," UCF head coach Joi Williams said. "We were playing a zone at that point in the game, and we came down and got stops.

Our team is slowly starting to see that defensive stops are what

PLEASE SEE KNIGHTS ON A11

## Softball loses to Michigan

MELISSA HEYBOER  
Editor-in-Chief

Five runs may have separated the UCF Softball team from beating the 12th-ranked Michigan Wolverines on Sunday, but the real difference was one inning.

In the final day of the UCF Tournament, the Knights battled the Wolverines through seven scoreless innings before a three-run home run in the top half of the eighth inning buried the Knights in defeat.

Michigan's Dorian Shaw started

the top of the eighth on second due to the tiebreaker rule. A fielding error from UCF first basemen Breanne Javier moved Shaw to third and put

PLEASE SEE UCF ON A11

## Knights look to break tie

PADRICK BREWER  
Sports Editor

-The UCF Men's Basketball team's one-game journey away from the New UCF Arena left much to be desired.

Against a team they had already beaten by 14 at home, the Knights came out flat against the Marshall Thundering Herd on Saturday in Huntington, W. Va.

It was a game that saw the Knights shoot just 29 percent in the first half and 40 percent for the game. Even in the second half, as they mounted a frantic comeback to challenge for the lead, they allowed the Thundering Herd to shoot nearly 56 percent.

With four games left in the regular season, UCF is mired in a three-team tie for fourth place in Conference USA, the final spot for a first-round bye in the Conference USA Championship.

The Knights (14-12 overall, 7-5 in C-USA) need a win today to either keep pace with or overtake UTEP and Southern Miss, both of which are 7-5 in conference play.

To get back on track, the Knights are taking on a team that defines streaky.

The Tulane Green Wave head into Orlando riding a five-game losing streak in conference play, a dubious feat only four C-USA teams have managed this season.

Tulane's current streak comes after they reeled off five straight conference wins.

The Green Wave have beaten SMU by 15 and East Carolina by 16, but they have also lost to Southern Miss by 11 and Marshall by 14.

In short, the Green Wave beat the bad teams and lose to the good and decent teams in C-USA. Thus, UCF's performance against them could help define what has been an up-and-down season so far.

Tulane will be trying to get back on



GREGORY TERRITO / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE  
UCF guard Mike O'Donnell has recorded at least 20 points in each of the Knights' previous 2 games.

track on the back of David Gomez, their do-it-all forward.

Gomez leads the Green Wave in points per game, 3-point shooting percentage, rebounds and blocks.

Tulane's roster features just one player 6 foot, 9 inches tall or taller, and he has played exactly zero minutes.

Instead, the Green Wave rely on 6-foot-7-inch Robinson Louisme to man the post, which he has done with consistency.

Louisme is one of only two players to start every game for Tulane this season, averaging about 20 minutes in 26 games. He also leads Tulane in one of the few categories that Gomez does not.

His 63.1 shooting percentage from the field is not only tops for the Green Wave, but tops in C-USA as well. It would also be

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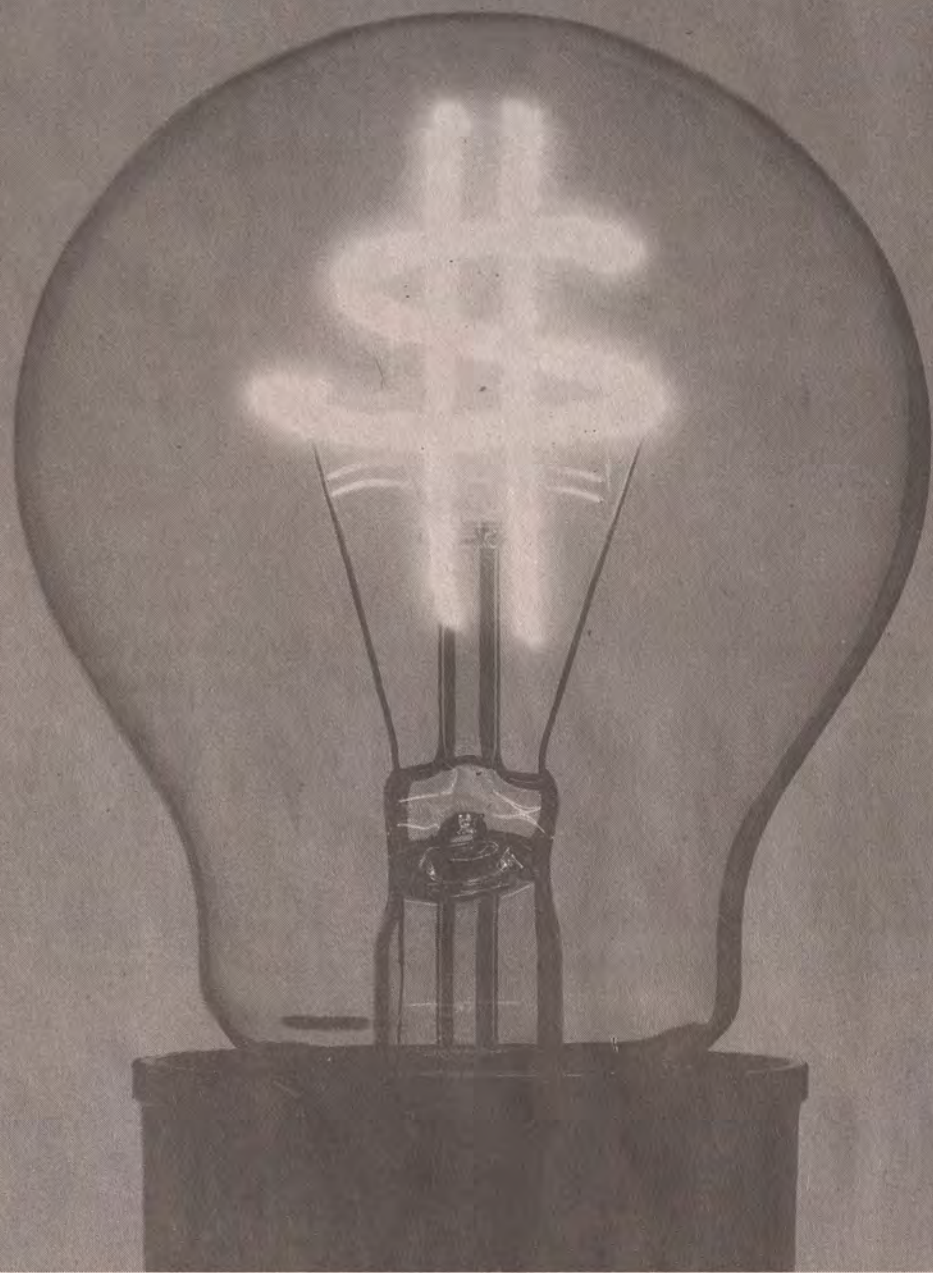
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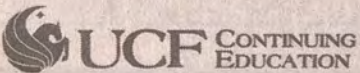


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## Duffy smashes two homers

FROM A9

realized they may soon be witnesses to an amazing comeback and upset.

But much like the Knights, the Tigers decided it was time to bring in their closer. Scooter Hicks came to the mound in an effort to stop UCF's rally and get his team out of Orlando with a tough victory.

But the Knights didn't care who was on the mound; they continued to hit. Colin Arnold smacked a line drive right to shortstop Steve Fischer, but the ball glanced off his glove and into center field, turning a potential double play into an RBI single.

Shane Brown was next to step into the batter's box and ripped a single to left field, scoring Bailey and Auer. The Knights were now one run shy of the Tigers and if anyone wanted to know how much UCF wanted this game, they just needed to watch Colin Arnold hustle from first to third with the ball in shallow left field.

Duffy, who hit two home runs earlier in the game, then lined the second pitch he saw into right field, scoring Arnold to officially bring the Knights all the way back. Now at 5:58 p.m., that hit assured that UCF wouldn't lose this game.

Instead, victory just seemed like destiny for the Knights. Richardson had also hit a home run in the contest, the second of back-to-back homers with Duffy in the fourth inning. But he will be remembered another hit against the Tigers.

In the first pitch of the at bat, Richardson swung through a Hicks fastball over the middle of the plate. Richardson said he was hoping to get that pitch again. He got it on the fourth pitch of the at bat and didn't miss it. He ripped it to the wall in left-center field, sending pinch runner Nick Choto home with the game-winning run.

Both teams paused slightly, conflicted by the facts that the game is over, but it's only the seventh inning. After a couple

### GET YOUR FACTS STRAIGHT

#### MURDERERS ROW

UCF's offense has been getting contributions from players up and down the lineup. The Knights have scored 60 runs and have a .392 team batting average in four games this year.

#### BEST ONE OF THE BUNCH

Shortstop Dwayne Bailey is big part of UCF's early-season success, and was named C-USA Hitter of the Week on Monday. He went 11-for-15 with seven runs in the season's first three games.

of seconds, the Tigers began to walk off the field and the Knights engulfed Richardson in celebration at second base.

"That's the best feeling in the world," Richardson said of being mobbed by his teammates. "... We've got a lot of confidence this year. We're expecting to go a long way."

The Knights' half of the seventh spanned 24 pitches, 17 minutes, seven batters and not a single out. The Tigers' final two pitchers, Greg Folgia and Hicks, combined to allow six hits, one walk, five runs in the final inning. Hicks gave up two of those runs; he allowed eight runs in 26.1 innings last season.

"It's great for this university," UCF assistant coach Craig Cozart said. "It's great for this school, and it's great for our fans. ... This is what we had hoped to see from this team and our guys truly believed."

"The things we've been working hard for really the last two years to instill in these guys — leadership and tenacious attitude that you never give up — really showed up today, obviously."

The seventh inning was epic, but it was also the grand finale to a very competitive, back-and-forth dual.

The Tigers scored three runs in the second inning, but the Knights answered in the their half of the inning with a two-run shot by Duffy that reportedly hit the American flag pole in center field.

UCF (4-0) got back even with Missouri (3-1) in the third inning with the help of some small ball. Robert Lara led off with a single to left field and moved to second base on

Siebenaler's sacrifice bunt.

Bailey, who was named the C-USA Hitter of the Week on Monday, brought Lara home with a single to center field.

Jacob Friday put the Tigers back in front with the RBI double in the fourth, but consecutive home runs by Duffy and Richardson gave the Knights a 5-4 advantage.

"That's an unbelievable offensive performance to continually respond when they put up runs," Cozart said. "If we're capable of that, this is going to be a tremendous year."

Duffy led the Knights at the plate with three hits and four RBIs. He said about his powerful day, "That's why they brought me here."

Siebenaler and Richardson also tallied three hits each. Friday and Lollis were the Tigers' two best hitters on the day, combining to go 5-for-7 with four runs and six RBIs.

Obviously, this was not a good game to pitch in. UCF starter Mitch Houck couldn't find his control for most of the day as he hit a school-record six batters in just 3.2 innings. He gave up four runs and five hits. Weiss was the only of UCF's four pitchers to not allow a run and he got the win.

Missouri starter Kelly Fick allowed five runs and three home runs in 3.2 innings. Hicks was tagged with the first loss in two seasons with the Tigers.

The Knights hope to keep riding this wave of success into this weekend's home series against Central Michigan (1-3). Friday's series opener is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m. First pitch for Saturday and Sunday is scheduled for 1 p.m.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL TONIGHT

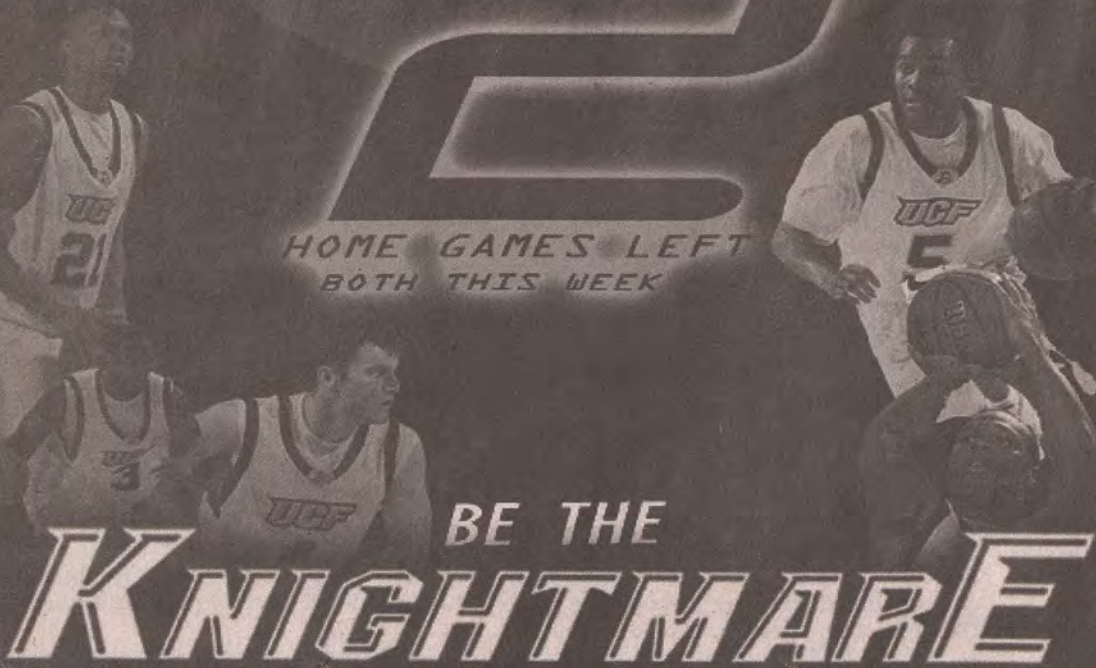


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# Knights push for a boost before tourney

FROM A9

are going to make us successful.

Also key to UCF's run was Marshay White and Tia Lewis. White, who tied her career-high with 23 points on 8-of-12 shooting, was 3-of-3 from long range in the game. Tia Lewis also had a big night offensively as she scored 15 points and grabbed eight rebounds.

"We had people step up during that run," Williams said. "Marshay hit some big shots. Tia was big tonight. She hit some big shots from the perimeter."

But the Knights' run also left too much time on the clock, as the Miners were able to score seven unanswered points from that point and extend the lead back to 11 with 9:46 remaining.

UCF got as close as 73-66 off a White free throw, but UTEP proved why it is one of the top teams in the nation, extending the lead back to 15 with under two minutes to play to put the game away.

"We just didn't get stops," Williams said. "That was the bottom line. ... We're not into moral victories in that we played [UTEP] close. We came to win. We play every game to win, but I think the thing that we will take away from it is, again, learning the hard way that we have to get stops every single round."

The Miners shot 56.7 percent from the floor and dished out 27 assists. UTEP



UCF guard Chelsie Wiley drives against UTEP's Kasia Krezel during the Knights 89-74 loss Sunday. Wiley finished against UCF's 2007-08 home finale with 11 points.

had five players score in double-digits, led by Jareica Hughes, who scored a team-high 23 points and recorded nine assists.

"I think they're the best passing team in the conference," Williams said. "They do a great job. They've played together for three years, that's the one thing that people have to understand. I'd like to think that our team will be able to do that in a couple of years."

"[The Miners] are able to find each other. They just know where each other is and that comes from playing together."

UCF did have some bright spots against the Min-

ers. Other than the second-half run, the Knights were able to out rebound UTEP 33-32, including 13 offensive rebounds. UCF also shot 85 percent from the free-throw line, including a perfect 7-for-7 in the first half.

"We work on that quite a bit," Williams said about her team's free-throw shooting. "We try to put them in situations in practice where they are under pressure. ... I'm proud of their concentration."

"Emma Cannon was 8-for-8 from the line and that's outstanding. We had a great night from the free-throw line, [but] we just have to get there a little bit more."

Besides White and Lewis,

the Knights got valuable contributions from Cannon and Chelsie Wiley, who scored 12 points and 11 points, respectively.

Sunday was also Senior Day at the New UCF Arena. The team's lone senior, Amber Long, received just her fourth start of the season.

She didn't score a point in her five minutes on the court.

The Knights have two games left on their schedule before the Conference USA Championships, which will be held at the New UCF Arena from March 6-9.

The Knights will travel to UAB and Memphis next weekend with hopes of riding into the tournament on a small winning streak, but Williams knows that when you get to March, no matter what your record, it's a whole new season.

"We're just trying to get better every time out," she said. "We're trying to get better in certain areas, especially defense, first and foremost. We are focusing in on each game one at a time and getting ready for that finale in March. Everybody wants to get to March."

"Nobody has any wins or losses. We're excited about it. We're excited about these last two, because we have a great opportunity to end up with two more wins."

The Knights' next game is a road contest against UAB (13-14 overall, 9-5 in C-USA). Tip-off is scheduled for 8 p.m. Thursday.

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# Tulane struggles with lack of size

FROM A9

good enough for ninth in the country if he made enough shots per game.

But the Knights have some offensive forces of their own.

Guard Mike O'Donnell led the team in scoring in the loss to Marshall, and now has two consecutive 20-point games after contributing just two points against Rice on Feb. 16.

Noticeably absent from the UCF offensive attack Saturday



Gomez

was Jermaine Taylor, who scored just two points in the first half and 10 overall on 4-of-13 shooting. It marked his lowest point

total since Nov. 22 against Villanova.

Despite the poor outing, Taylor is still 17th in the nation in scoring, and his 21.3 points

per game are third in C-USA.

The Knights have a small two-game homestand before finishing up the season on the road against Houston and Tulsa. UCF is 3-3 on the road in conference play and Houston is the second-best team in the league, so a sweep of these next two home games might have to be a must for the Knights if they want a chance at a high finish.

That journey starts today at 7 p.m., at the New UCF Arena.

# UCF plays Michigan again today

FROM A9

Roya St. Clair on first. The next two batters walked, allowing Shaw to score.

The next batter, Alessandra Giampaolo grounded out, but it allowed the Wolverines' second run of the inning to score. Angela Findlay followed with a single to right field that brought home another run.

And the Wolverines continued to hit as Michigan's Samantha Findlay, Angela's sister took the next pitch over the right field fence for a three-run home run, giving Michigan a commanding 6-0 lead.

Despite an RBI single from Javier in the bottom of the eighth, the Knights would fall short of an upset. The Knights had their opportunities throughout the game, but they couldn't cash in. The Knights left 11 runners on base, including a no-out, bases-loaded seventh inning, which ended with two UCF strikeouts and a ground out.

Despite the loss and a rough eighth inning, senior Allison Kime was solid on the mound, throwing seven scoreless innings and allowing just five hits. Kime struck out four Wolverines in her fourth loss of the season.

UCF totaled just four hits on the night and 11 Knights were strikeout victims.

Marquita Council, Lindsey Dean and Hillary Barrow and Javier were the only Knights to record a hit.

The Knights may have ended the UCF Tournament on a sour note, but they started Sunday with a 2-1 win over Drake University.

UCF scored both its runs in the bottom half of the second inning off no hits and two Drake errors.

The Bulldogs attempted a comeback in the top half of the third inning, scoring one run,

to cut UCF's lead to 2-1.

But both teams would be held scoreless for the next four innings, allowing UCF to grab its 10th win of the season.

Ashleigh Cole earned the win for the Knights, going seven innings and allowing just one run on four hits. The win improved Cole's record

to 3-3 on the season.

UCF struggled at the plate again, recording just three hits on the day from Cole, Council and Cat Snapp.

The Knights will attempt to get their revenge on the Wolverines today, when they take Michigan for the second time in three days. First pitch is scheduled for 6 p.m.

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We have all heard the wise old saying, "A picture is worth a thousand words."

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For example, the 15-foot wall of gruesome pictures erected on the free speech lawn near the Reflecting Pond on Monday. I am sure that the intended message was that abortion is wrong. Unfortunately, thanks to their decided tactic of shocking photos, they just came off as crazy.

I know what their message is. They do not like abortion, they think it is wrong and they want to spread awareness about just how terrible they think it is. That is fine if they would do it correctly. It does not get their message across properly because the way they convey their message is flawed.

Sure, they are "showing it like it is." The problem is that they effectively turn their moral standings into shocking hoopla and spectacle.

Seeing the enormous wall with the huge color photographs, all surrounded by metal crowd barriers, made the entire thing seem more like one big pro-life carnival instead of a moral showcase. I almost expected there to be a

slide somewhere, or maybe a vendor selling delicious corn dogs.

Also on the wall was the visual shock they attempted to create by showing pictures of aborted fetuses alongside photos of the Holocaust. They know that the subject is a hot-button issue, and it simply adds another layer to the tastelessness of their advertising choice.

How do they expect undecided folks who have not yet made up their minds about abortion to really take them seriously? Attempting to be as visually offensive as possible is no way to get people to talk to you. Sure, a hard-core believer in the pro-life agenda might support what they are doing, but the average student is trying to find another way to class.

With a topic as tender as abortion, the credibility of the person trying to get the message across is extremely important, and with the method this group has chosen, that credibility is completely gone. You have to be someone that people will really listen to so they will take the message to heart. By putting on the dead fetus carnival, the average student is going to believe that they have about as much credibility as the preacher who shouts at people as they walk by, condemning them to eternal damnation.

Showing these pictures in the way that they did not only discredits those people directly responsible for the giant wall of fetus pictures, it promotes the stigma that all people who believe in the pro-life agenda

are equally as drastic and insane. It is the same as the people who think it is a great idea to flash pictures of abused animals to small children at the entrances of circuses. Not only does that make those individuals look pathetic, it dilutes the entire push for animal rights because people look at those individuals and believe that they represent the entire community.

I know that not everyone who is pro-life is a fan of these tactics. Unfortunately, for anyone who supports the pro-life side, these crazies are now your voice.

With a subject as sensitive as this, you have to reach out to the average student in a way that will not scare them off or make them angry. Something about needing large, neon orange signs warning people of what they are about to see does not give off a very pleasant and inviting aura. The expressions on the faces of people looking at the gigantic wall were not ones of inquisitive thought, they were looks of disgusted fascination, the same way people look at a carnival freak show.

I believe that minds actually can be changed, as long as the proper use of persuasion is used. Instead of using a huge wall plastered with pictures of dead babies, set up chairs where people can sit and listen to your ideas in logical layout. Instead of blatant offensiveness in the name of realism, maybe try some calm reasoning?

Just like another wise old saying goes:

"You catch more flies with honey than with vinegar."

## READER VIEWS

## Berkowitz, Delanois strike out with spam e-mails

Throughout my years at UCF, I have seen a lot of different campaign tactics. The most commonly used ones are the obvious street signs everywhere and the occasional free slice of pizza. These are all great ways of attracting votes, as many students will vote just for a free slice. However, the Logan Berkowitz ticket found a new way to reach students: Use the university's list of contact information.

I never once gave my e-mail address to any party, yet I seemed to get "friendly reminders" that there was a campaign going on. Also, the only name mentioned in the e-mail was that of the Berkowitz ticket. I feel that this is a complete misuse of my contact information. Not only was it bad enough being harassed everywhere on campus, your inbox was now a victim, too.

One thing that I noticed at the bottom of the first e-mail was a message saying that it was "approved" by another SGA member. What members have the authority to grant access to students' personal contact information? And, if they have access to this, what other information are they privileged to? Several students that I have spoken to asked the same question.

In the end, the e-mails really made it clear on who I should vote for. After deleting them, I gladly went to myUCF and voted for the Giery ticket. Thanks for making it an easy decision, Mr. Berkowitz.

SCOTT KELLER  
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

## Curse words lose offensive stigma with society change

I agree with Ben Badio's opinion in Monday's paper that most of our profane words receive their meaning arbitrarily from society. Aside from that concession I find my opinion to be in stark contrast to that of Mr. Badio. He argues that we should use swear words because they have so much meaning but fails to realize they keep their meaning due to their taboo status. Any word in the English language repeated enough will lose its meaning. Say the word "umbrella" out loud 20 times if you don't believe me. Britain is a prime example, where our f-word is old news, but a word like bollocks (which here evokes little emotion) could start a fight.

In the end I think Badio's problem is arrogance. He wants to push his agenda of reversing the stigma attached to cuss words, at the expense of anyone who may not want that. He must never have read Oliver Holmes who said "my right to extend my first ends where another man's nose begins." I doubt Mr. Badio would force-feed meat

to a vegan, but he force-fed profanity to children with no regard for their parents' wishes. In light of his article, the so-called apology he offered them in the theater rings hollow. Here's a sincere regret: I'm sorry you weren't kicked out.

STEVE WIMMER  
INTERVARSITY CAMPUS STAFF MEMBER

## Chabad's resolution change narrow-minded and selfish

I am deeply upset after reading about Chabad's refusal to allow vegan/vegetarian meal plan options on its proposal to bring kosher food on campus.

I wholeheartedly agree that UCF (and all public campuses) should be welcoming of diverse populations and should have options that can accommodate specific needs of people. The problem is that Chabad seems to only care about its own needs. Bringing kosher meal plans to UCF is a noble task, but why did they balk when amendments were added to include even more students with dietary needs?

I'm a vegetarian myself and many of my friends at UCF are vegan/vegetarian as well. For many of us, it is a choice that was founded on ethics, morals and logic, in the same way that choosing a religion often is.

Chabad's refusal to back its own proposal after vegan and vegetarian options were added comes off as narrow-minded and, well, selfish. As people who face difficulties due to the dietary needs of their beliefs, I would have expected the members of Chabad to have more empathy for others that are similarly limited by UCF's exclusionary menus.

I urge Chabad to support its own proposal with the amendments to include meal plans for vegan and vegetarian students as well as Jewish ones when it is brought back up to the SGA Senate.

DAVID SIROIS  
CREATIVE WRITING

## Curse to better humanity? Cultural step forward?

Dear Central Florida Future: thank you for exposing Ben Badio as the sophisticate that he is in Monday's opinion piece, "Put away the soap: profanity here to stay." Ben, you are a true culture warrior, cursing in front of little children during a Harry Potter movie for the moral betterment of humanity. Keep raging against that machine, sir.

JACK WARD  
HISTORY & POLITICAL SCIENCE

## Open your eyes, change the world

Spring is in full swing and the seeds of change are ripe for blooming, especially around UCF. The latest debate between anti

and pro abortion rights groups on Monday sparked more controversy over the issue. Yet, the question that pervades the heart of these debates is whose side has the better message — the better tactics — for presenting their arguments.

The anti-abortion group's tactics are by far the most controversial of the bunch. A gigantic wall was erected on the lawn covered with disturbing pictures of sick and mutilated babies, products of abortions.

Although clearly outspoken, these tactics are the most effective methods of seeking change from the general population. These in-your-face methods, otherwise known as direct action, are done to evoke strong emotion — whether good or bad. Emotions get the mind and heart moving, and emotions are the roots of change.

Direct action can include strikes, workplace occupations, sit-ins, revolutionary warfare or demonstrations. Direct action follows the premise that actions speak louder than words.

Unlike asking someone to spare five minutes of their time to give them a practiced speech, direct action hits you immediately with a visual message. And for most people, this immediacy-undeniable and unrefutable proof in front of their faces—burns like a fire in their souls to the point that they are moved to action.

Direct action tactics are not only immediate, they are inspiring, and they have produced a furor of change in our nation's history like no amount of mere dialogue could do. Why? Because the powerful sight of individuals coming together and demonstrating—fighting—for a cause, whether you believe in it or not, is inspiring. And again, inspiration moves people to action; moves people to change.

Think of some classic examples of direct action that have inspired great change in our nation's history. Move-

ments such as the anti-suffrage movement, worker rights, civil rights and environmental protection movements all have used effective direct-action tactics in winning their causes.

Environmental activists block whaling ships, trees and nuclear plant facilities, effectively hauling their opponents for the time being and if nothing else, injuring them monetarily. Animal activists block baby harp seals from clubbing by throwing their bodies over them and block trucks carrying farm animals to the slaughter house.

The civil rights movement exhibits a classic example of direct action stirring up emotions in all races of the population, thus bringing the issue to light and eventually producing change. There was Rosa Parks and the Montgomery Bus Boycott, which paved the way for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who led a mass of inspired blacks to not only sit-ins and demonstrations, but through the classic 1963 March on Washington where he delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech. Anti-war activists also take to the streets or gather on the Capitol Hill lawn yelling and crying for peace and love to prevail at the top of their lungs. These directly confront unjust activities.

The right to protest and the right to boycott are blessings of the law and direct action tactics take full advantage of getting the messages seen.

So how can people say that these tactics are ineffective? The argument is weak. Direct action is what this nation was founded on—why women, slaves and blacks are free. Freedom of speech and the right to petition the government for grievances are fundamental to this nation.

Meaningless rhetoric and endless debates will not produce immediate changes to immediate problems. Sure the debates may walk off pondering the issue—that is, if they even agreed to take the time on their way to class to sit down for an "inviting" discussion on the subject. But that will last up until their cell phone rings with more "important" news. Short term memories don't serve us well when it comes to remembering words. Visual images, however, are imprinted on the brain and are harder to shake from the memory than

weaker words that produce nothing tangible. Yet, one mere glance at a demonstration is all that is needed to get the message across—and students can still make it to class on time.

Many people think of direct action tactics as things that only extreme radicals do because they like to cause a ruckus and are advocates of social disobedience to support a just cause. But this stereotype, as history tells, is simply not true.

Direct actions' visual focus compels people to, at the very least, stop and watch. Most people begin to question themselves and their personal morals on the subject matter as they watch—perhaps those who have never even given it a thought before they saw the action.

Direct actions' immediacy seeks to resolve ethical problems immediately, rather than wait around for the law to come its way through government reforms, lobbying or electing officials—all of which take lengthy amounts of time. But ethical and moral problems simply cannot wait years for change that may never come.

It is unjustified to call these tactics staged or fake simply because they have coordinated a message to send to the public in an effective way. A feeling, the underlying message in the action, cannot be staged.

Direct action allows groups to connect directly with the people of this world without uttering a single word. These tactics are by far the best approach to establishing change and to getting people involved—whether they become angry, sad or enlightened. You cannot escape a visual image in your face, but you can easily sidestep a verbal debate. Simply talking to people is not as effective as showing them proof, inspiring them to act—provoking them to change. We only have each other. Make your voices heard, show the power of the people, come together and advocate direct action.

As Henry David Thoreau once said, "There will never be a really free and enlightened state, until the state comes to recognize the individual as a higher and independent power, from which all its own power and authority are derived, and treats him accordingly."

## Colleges prevent right to bear arms, save students

Looking at all these school suicide shootings, I wonder what measures UCF has taken to ensure our safety? I wonder what would you do if one of our own disgruntled classmates decided to go postal in your classroom this morning?

The answer to both is almost nothing. What we have is a gun-free campus. What we have is a room full of helpless targets and a noble police force that will show up several minutes too late. What we have is the perfect place for a surprise suicide-shooting party!

My name is Tom Hardy and I am a UCF student. If I could bring my firearm on campus I would bring it everyday to protect myself within law and reason. That may sound scary and you may not like it, but I guarantee you would change your mind in a hurry if the two of us were in that room. I hope it never happens but it could. As of right now, the law states that I cannot bring my firearm on campus. Thus I would be cowering in fear alongside everyone else in that room and the suicide shooter would get to do whatever he or she wants with us.

TOM HARDY  
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

## Specialists not infallible, ruining St. Johns bad move

This is in response to what Charles Philip wrote about how it's OK to just go ahead and dredge the St. Johns. I would like to inform

you that just because there are 'specialists' overseeing the project, doesn't make it OK to do it. These 'specialists' sometimes-most of the time-do not know what they are doing, or what is even going on around them.

A perfect example is the Glen Canyon Dam. Specialists thought it would be a great thing to dam the Colorado River and then we would be able to produce cheap electricity to the southwestern states. I would just like to let you know that the senator that actually fought for funding for the dam to be built was later stated as saying 'its construction was a mistake and regretted his support'.

Just because they say they are a specialist does not mean they are doing what is right. Dredging a river can cause immense amounts of damage to the ecosystem. By dredging you are ripping up the bottom and therefore are pulling out all the plants and sediment that have been sitting there on the bottom. Once the plants are gone, then there is less oxygen in the river. Once there is less oxygen in the water, then there are less fish, less birds, etc., until eventually it reaches the humans, and there are less humans.

If we continue to clear out these natural areas, we are going to be left with nothing—no trees, shrubs, animals or anything. I don't know if you know this, but if there are no trees, we are unable to breathe. I don't know about you, but breathing is rather important to me. I understand that as a population we are expanding, and we are losing space, but we need to start making sounder decisions when it comes to the environment.

TONYA ESTEVEZ  
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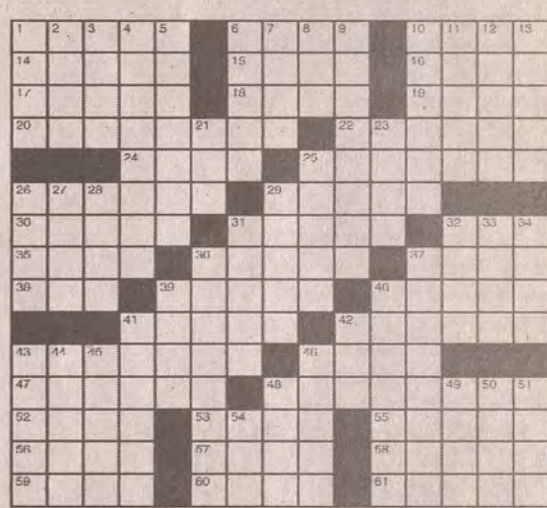
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### ACROSS

- Water-storing plants
- Hence
- Stately display
- HOMES part
- Take ten
- Declare
- Like Pisa's tower
- Large-mouth pitcher
- Actress Austin
- Aristocrat
- English Channel swimmer
- Gertrude
- Pesky insect
- Created murals
- Constant
- Halley's namesake
- Legal wrongs
- Editor's mark
- Three-way intersection
- Falco of "The Sopranos"
- Stairway part
- Billions of years
- Chinese pan
- Tarries
- Sailing ship
- Bees' abodes
- Like some periodicals
- Kind of nuclear reactor
- Blue-gray metal
- Mold again
- Tuning
- At the summit
- Actress Moran
- Leg bone
- Artifice
- Boorish
- Arena happening
- Require
- Highway drink
- Male and female

### DOWN

- Stealth Charlie
- Suggestive beginning?
- Baby's bed
- Highway barrier
- Means
- Actor Williams



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GESTS	CRAVE	PAR
PAPAL	RECAP	ALI
STARE	YARNS	TIN
TET	MEDIATE	S
CLEAVES	SALTINE	
OUTREACH	LOT	
NTH	SOO	SNIPED
GEENA	TOP	SCARY
ASLEEP	DOS	LON
ARI	STAMPEDE	
CELLARS	SPOUSES	
ALASTAIR	SUN	
MAN	ONTAP	STRAP
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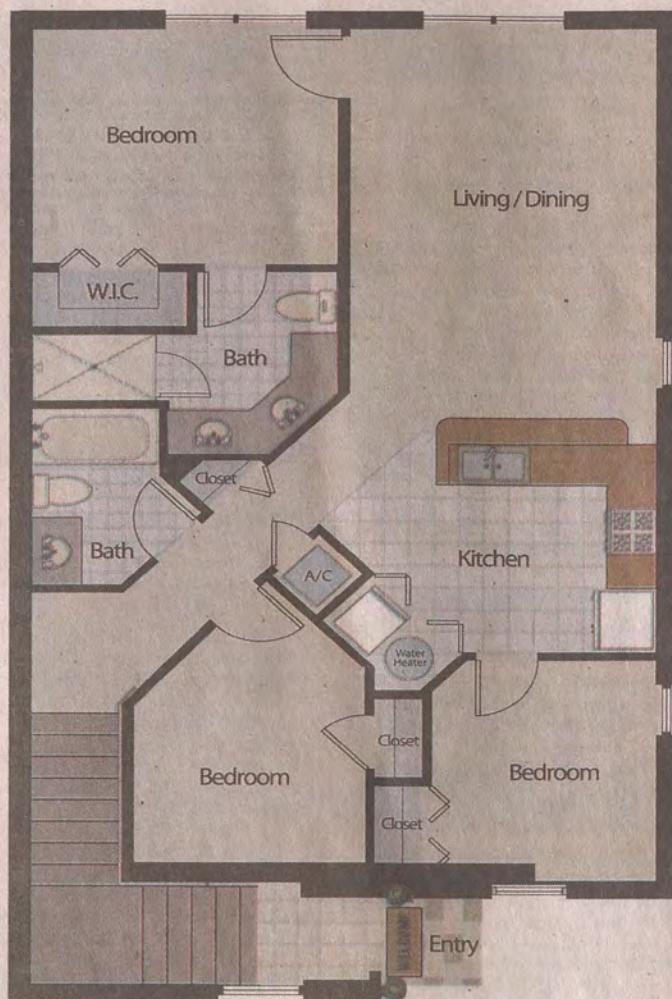
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